

HOUSE RESOLUTION 93

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bernice Jozsa on being named as the 2009 Greene Valley Developmental Center Employee of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Bernice Jozsa, who has recently received the 2009 Employee of the Year award from the Greene Valley Developmental Center (GVDC); and

WHEREAS, the Center is a public residential facility for the mentally challenged and is licensed by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; located in Greeneville, GVDC provides on-campus residential, training, and health-related supports to its clients; and

WHEREAS, during a reception for Ms. Jozsa, Greene Valley's Chief Officer, Dr. Bud Meece, described Ms. Jozsa as "one of the most caring and person-centered staff members in the Case Management Department," and "an exemplary role model for other employees"; and

WHEREAS, it is not unusual, Dr. Meece continued, for Ms. Jozsa to visit residents on weekends or when they have been admitted to the hospital; she is also extremely conscientious in keeping family members informed about the lives of their loved-ones; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Tusculum College, Bernice Jozsa began working for GVDC part-time in the facility's Recreation Department; Ms. Jozsa completed her student teaching at the facility as well; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jozsa worked briefly in what was then known as the Daycare Program, which served local youngsters with mental challenges; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years, Bernice Jozsa worked through the Greene Valley Education Department as a teacher in the Tusculum Demonstration School on the Tusculum College campus; and

WHEREAS, when that school closed in 1995, Ms Jozsa took a position as a Resident Program Specialist; she currently serves as a Resident Program Supervisor (Case Manager) for individuals who reside in Maple Cottage, one of twelve living areas on the GVDC campus; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Jozsa epitomizes the spirit of community service and commitment to the highest ideals that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Jozsa for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Bernice Jozsa on being named the 2009 Greene Valley Developmental Center Employee of the Year and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.